PRESIDENT : It is giving an opinion.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member whether there is not keen agitation in the State that Hindi shall be taught in all the institutions in the State ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Only a limited number of representations have been received.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether he is aware that a resolution on this matter passed by the previous Council has been accepted by the Government ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : What action has been taken on that ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : The question of introducing Hindi in a number of schools and recognised institutions is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether he has received applications from the students of the Sri Mula Vilasam English High School, Trivandrum ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, I did.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the member whether that application was forwarded to the Government ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know when that application was received by the Director ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : About ten days ago.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know from the member whether any orders have been passed upon that ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Casual leave to the officers of the Education Department.

311. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many days' casual leave the officers in the Education Department are eligible for at present ;

(*b*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any circular to the effect that only eight days' casual leave need be sanctioned to the officers of his department

(*c*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has made any recommendation to the Government that more than eight days' casual leave should not be granted to those who are in the educational service ; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government have accorded sanction to this recommendation ?

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MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) No.

Mahommedan Inspector of Schools.

312. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who was the controlling officer of the Mahommedan Inspector of Schools at first;

(*b*) when it was that the Mahommedan Inspector was placed under the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) on what grounds it was considered necessary to place the Mahommedan Inspector directly under the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*d*) whether the subjection of the Mahommedan Inspector to the control of the Divisional Inspecting Officers will not minimise his importance and power, considering the fact that he is immediately under the Director of Public Instruction now?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The Deputy Director of Public Instruction.
(*b*) 8th November 1930.
(*c*) As the work of the Mahommedan Inspector related to both English and Vernacular Schools.
(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

Office of Mahommedan Inspector of Schools.

313. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many years it is since the office of the Mahommedan Inspector of Schools had been created;

(*b*) whether it is not owing to the insistent demand contained in the successive representations made by the Muslim community that this office was created;

(*c*) whether Government and the Department are aware of the fact that the Muslim community look upon this office as the most effective safeguard for the Muslim educational interests in the State and that the Muslim community is keenly interested in the development and growth of this office and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal for the abolition of the office of the Mahommedan Inspector before the Muslim community is brought on a par with the other communities of the State in educational progress?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 14 years.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Government have no information.
(*d*) No.

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